

# The smallest one-realization of a given set

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## Abstract

For any set  $S$  of positive integers, a mixed hypergraph  $\mathcal{H}$  is a realization of  $S$  if its feasible set is  $S$ , furthermore,  $\mathcal{H}$  is a one-realization of  $S$  if it is a realization of  $S$  and each entry of its chromatic spectrum is either 0 or 1. Jiang et al. [2] showed that the minimum number of vertices of realization of  $\{s, t\}$  with  $2 \leq s \leq t - 2$  is  $2t - s$ . Král [3] proved that there exists a one-realization of  $S$  with at most  $|S| + 2 \max S - \min S$  vertices. In this paper, we improve Král's result, and determine the size of the smallest one-realization of a given set. As a result, we partially solve an open problem proposed by Jiang et al. in 2002 and by Král in 2004.

*Key words:* mixed hypergraph; feasible set; chromatic spectrum; one-realization

## 1 Introduction

A *mixed hypergraph* on a finite set  $X$  is a triple  $\mathcal{H} = (X, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$ , where  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  are families of subsets of  $X$ , called the  $\mathcal{C}$ -edges and  $\mathcal{D}$ -edges, respectively. A *bi-hypergraph* is a mixed hypergraph with  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{D}$ . A sub-hypergraph  $\mathcal{H}' = (X', \mathcal{C}', \mathcal{D}')$  of a mixed hypergraph  $\mathcal{H} = (X, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$  is a *partial sub-hypergraph* if  $X' = X$ , and  $\mathcal{H}'$  is called a *derived sub-hypergraph* of  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $X'$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{H}[X']$ , when  $\mathcal{C}' = \{C \in \mathcal{C} | C \subseteq X'\}$  and  $\mathcal{D}' = \{D \in \mathcal{D} | D \subseteq X'\}$ . Two mixed hypergraphs  $\mathcal{H}_1 = (X_1, \mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{D}_1)$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2 = (X_2, \mathcal{C}_2, \mathcal{D}_2)$  are *isomorphic* if there exists a bijection  $\phi$  from  $X_1$  to  $X_2$  that maps each  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge of  $\mathcal{C}_1$  onto a  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge of  $\mathcal{C}_2$  and maps each  $\mathcal{D}$ -edge of  $\mathcal{D}_1$  onto a  $\mathcal{D}$ -edge of  $\mathcal{D}_2$ , and vice versa. The bijection  $\phi$  is called an *isomorphism* from  $\mathcal{H}_1$  to  $\mathcal{H}_2$ .

A *proper  $k$ -coloring* of  $\mathcal{H}$  is a mapping from  $X$  into a set of  $k$  colors so that each  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge has two vertices with a *Common* color and each  $\mathcal{D}$ -edge has two vertices with *Distinct* colors. A *strict  $k$ -coloring* is a proper  $k$ -coloring using all of the  $k$  colors, and a mixed hypergraph is  *$k$ -colorable* if it has a strict  $k$ -coloring. The maximum (minimum) number of colors in a strict coloring of  $\mathcal{H} = (X, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$  is the *upper chromatic number*  $\bar{\chi}(\mathcal{H})$  (resp. *lower chromatic number*  $\chi(\mathcal{H})$ ) of  $\mathcal{H}$ . The study of the colorings of mixed hypergraphs has made a lot of progress since its inception [5]. For more information, we would like refer readers to [4, 6].

The set of all the values  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{H}$  has a strict  $k$ -coloring is called the *feasible set* of  $\mathcal{H}$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H})$ . For each  $k$ , let  $r_k$  denote the number of *partitions* of the vertex

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set. Such partitions are called *feasible partitions*. The vector  $R(\mathcal{H}) = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{\overline{X}})$  is called the *chromatic spectrum* of  $\mathcal{H}$ . A mixed hypergraph has a *gap at  $k$*  if its feasible set contains elements larger and smaller than  $k$  but omits  $k$ . A *gap of size  $g$*  means  $g$  consecutive gaps. If some gaps occur, the feasible set and the chromatic spectrum of  $\mathcal{H}$  are said to be *broken*, and if there are no gaps then they are called *continuous* or *gap-free*. If  $S$  is a set of positive integers, we say that a mixed hypergraph  $\mathcal{H}$  is a *realization* of  $S$  if  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{H}) = S$ . A mixed hypergraph  $\mathcal{H}$  is a *one-realization* of  $S$  if it is a realization of  $S$  and all the entries of the chromatic spectrum of  $\mathcal{H}$  are either 0 or 1. This concept was firstly introduced by Král [3].

Bujtás [1] gave a necessary and sufficient condition for a set  $S$  to be the feasible set of an  $r$ -uniform mixed hypergraph. Jiang et al. [2] proved that a set  $S$  of positive integers is a feasible set of a mixed hypergraph if and only if  $1 \notin S$  or  $S$  is an interval. They also discussed the bound on the number of vertices of a mixed hypergraph with a gap, in particular, the minimum number of vertices of realization of  $\{s, t\}$  with  $2 \leq s \leq t - 2$  is  $2t - s$ . Moreover, they mentioned that the question of finding the minimum number of vertices in a mixed hypergraph with feasible set  $S$  of size at least 3 remains open. In [7], we obtained an upper bound on the minimum number of vertices of 3-uniform bi-hypergraphs with a given feasible set. Král [3] proved that there exists a one-realization of  $S$  with at most  $|S| + 2 \max S - \min S$  vertices, and proposed the following problem: What is the number of vertices of the smallest mixed hypergraph whose spectrum is equal to a given spectrum  $(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m)$ ?

In this paper, we determine the size of the smallest one-realization of a given set and obtain the following result:

**Theorem 1.1** *For any integers  $2 \leq n_s < \dots < n_2 < n_1$ , let  $\delta(S)$  denote the minimum size of one-realizations of  $S = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s\}$ . Then*

$$\delta(S) = \begin{cases} 2n_1 - n_s, & \text{if } n_1 > n_2 + 1, \\ 2n_1 - n_s - 1, & \text{if } n_1 = n_2 + 1. \end{cases}$$

As a result, we partially solve the above open problem proposed by Jiang et al. and by Král.

## 2 Proof of Theorem 1.1

In this section we always assume that  $S = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s\}$  is a set of integers with  $2 \leq n_s < \dots < n_2 < n_1$ . We first show that the number  $\delta(S)$  given in Theorem 1.1 is a lower bound on the size of the smallest one-realization of  $S$ , then construct two families of mixed hypergraphs which meet the bounds.

Jiang et al. [2] discussed the bound on the number of vertices of a mixed hypergraph with a gap.

**Proposition 2.1** ([2, Theorem 3]) *If  $\mathcal{H} = (X, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$  is an  $s$ -colorable mixed hypergraph with a gap at  $t - 1$ , then  $|X| \geq 2t - s$ . For  $2 \leq s \leq t - 2$ , this bound is sharp.*

**Lemma 2.2**

$$\delta(S) \geq \begin{cases} 2n_1 - n_s, & \text{if } n_1 > n_2 + 1, \\ 2n_1 - n_s - 1, & \text{if } n_1 = n_2 + 1. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $\mathcal{H} = (X, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$  is a one-realization of  $S$ .

*Case 1.*  $n_1 > n_2 + 1$ . Then,  $\mathcal{H}$  has a gap at  $n_1 - 1$ . By Proposition 2.1, we have  $\delta(S) \geq 2n_1 - n_s$ .

*Case 2.*  $n_1 = n_2 + 1$ . Suppose  $|X| \leq 2n_1 - (n_s + 2)$ . For any strict  $n_1$ -coloring  $c_1 = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_{n_1}\}$  of  $\mathcal{H}$ , there exist at least  $n_s + 2$  color classes of size one. Suppose  $C_1 = \{\alpha_1\}, C_2 = \{\alpha_2\}, \dots, C_{n_s+2} = \{\alpha_{n_s+2}\}$ . For any strict  $n_s$ -coloring  $c_s$  of  $\mathcal{H}$ , there are the following two possible cases:

*Case 2.1.* There exist three vertices in  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n_s+2}\}$  which fall into a common color class under  $c_s$ . Suppose  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$  are in a common color class under  $c_s$ . Then  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}, \{\alpha_1, \alpha_3\}, \{\alpha_2, \alpha_3\} \notin \mathcal{D}$ , which follows that  $\{C_1 \cup C_2, C_3, \dots, C_{n_1}\}, \{C_1 \cup C_3, C_2, C_4, \dots, C_{n_1}\}, \{C_1, C_2 \cup C_3, C_4, \dots, C_{n_1}\}$  are strict  $n_2$ -colorings of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{H}$  is not a one-realization of  $S$ , a contradiction.

*Case 2.2.* There exist two pairs of vertices in  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n_s+2}\}$  each of which falls into a common color class under  $c_s$ . Suppose  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are in a common color class and  $\alpha_3, \alpha_4$  are in common color class under  $c_s$ . Then  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}, \{\alpha_3, \alpha_4\} \notin \mathcal{D}$ , it follows that  $\{C_1 \cup C_2, C_3, \dots, C_{n_1}\}$  and  $\{C_1, C_2, C_3 \cup C_4, C_5, \dots, C_{n_1}\}$  are strict  $n_2$ -colorings of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}$  is not a one-realization of  $S$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\delta(S) \geq 2n_1 - n_s - 1$ .  $\square$

In the rest of this section, we shall construct two families of mixed hypergraphs which meet the bound in Lemma 2.2.

For any positive integer  $n$ , let  $[n]$  denote the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

**Construction I.** For any positive integer  $s \geq 2$ , let

$$\begin{aligned} X_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^0 &= \{\underbrace{(i, i, \dots, i)}_s \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, n_s - 1\}, \\ X_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^1 &= \bigcup_{t=2}^s \bigcup_{j=n_t}^{n_{t-1}-1} \{\underbrace{(j, \dots, j)}_{t-1}, n_t, n_{t+1}, \dots, n_s), (\underbrace{j, \dots, j}_{t-1}, \underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{s-t+1})\}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose

$$\begin{aligned} X_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^* &= X_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^0 \cup X_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^1 \cup \{(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s)\}, \\ \mathcal{D}_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^* &= \{\{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s), (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_s)\} \mid x_i \neq y_i, i \in [s]\}, \\ \mathcal{C}_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^* &= \{\{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s), (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_s), (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_s)\} \mid |\{x_j, y_j, z_j\}| = 2, j \in [s]\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\mathcal{H}_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^* = (X_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^*, \mathcal{C}_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^*, \mathcal{D}_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^*)$  is a mixed hypergraph with  $2n_1 - n_s$  vertices.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} X_{n_1, \dots, n_s} &= \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s) \mid x_i \in [n_i], i \in [s]\}, \\ X_{ij}^s &= \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, j, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_s) \mid x_k \in [n_k], k \in [s] \setminus \{i\}\}, j \in [n_i]. \end{aligned}$$

Then, for any  $i \in [s]$ ,

$$c_i^{s*} = \{X_{i1}^*, X_{i2}^*, \dots, X_{in_i}^*\}$$

is a strict  $n_i$ -coloring of  $\mathcal{H}_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^*$ , where  $X_{ij}^* = X_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^* \cap X_{ij}^s, j \in [n_i]$ .

**Lemma 2.3**  $\mathcal{H}_{n_1, n_2}^*$  is a one-realization of  $\{n_1, n_2\}$ .

*Proof.* Under any strict coloring  $c = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m\}$  of  $\mathcal{H}_{n_1, n_2}^*$ , the vertices  $(1, 1), (2, 2), \dots, (n_2, n_2)$  fall into distinct color classes. For each  $i \in [n_2]$ , suppose  $(i, i) \in C_i$ . Then, for any  $i \in [n_2 - 1]$  and  $j \in [n_1 - n_2 - 1]$ , we have  $(n_2 + j, n_2) \notin C_i$  and  $(n_2 + j, 1) \notin C_{n_2}$ . Since  $\{(1, 1), (n_2, 1), (n_2, n_2)\}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge,  $(n_2, 1) \in C_1$  or  $C_{n_2}$ .

*Case 1.*  $(n_2, 1) \in C_1$ . The fact that  $\{(n_2, 1), (n_2, n_2), (n_2 + 1, n_2)\}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge follows that  $(n_2 + 1, n_2) \in C_{n_2}$ . From the  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge  $\{(n_2, 1), (n_2 + 1, 1), (n_2 + 1, n_2)\}$ , we observe  $(n_2 + 1, 1) \in C_1$ . Similarly,  $(n_2 + j, 1) \in C_1, (n_2 + j, n_2) \in C_{n_2}$  for any  $j \in [n_1 - n_2 - 1]$  and  $(n_1, n_2) \in C_{n_2}$ . Therefore,  $c = c_2^{2*}$ .

*Case 2.*  $(n_2, 1) \in C_{n_2}$ . The  $\mathcal{D}$ -edge  $\{(n_2, 1), (n_2 + 1, n_2)\}$  implies that  $(n_2 + 1, n_2) \notin C_{n_2}$ . Suppose  $(n_2 + 1, n_2) \in C_{n_2 + 1}$ . Owing to the  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge  $\{(n_2, 1), (n_2 + 1, 1), (n_2 + 1, n_2)\}$ , we have  $(n_2 + 1, n_2) \in C_{n_2 + 1}$ . Similarly,  $(n_2 + j, n_2), (n_2 + j, 1) \in C_{n_2 + j}$  for any  $j \in [n_1 - n_2 - 1]$  and  $(n_1, n_2) \in C_{n_1}$ . Therefore,  $c = c_1^{2*}$ .

Hence, the desired result follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4**  $\mathcal{H}_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^*$  is a one-realization of  $S$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.3, the conclusion is true for  $s = 2$ .

Let  $X' = \{(x_2, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots, x_s) | x_j \in [n_j], j \in [s] \setminus \{1\}\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}' = \mathcal{H}_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s}^*[X']$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{H}_{n_2, n_3, n_4, \dots, n_s}^*$ . By induction, all the strict colorings of  $\mathcal{H}'$  are as follows:

$$c'_i = \{X'_{i1}, X'_{i2}, \dots, X'_{in_i}\}, \quad i \in [s] \setminus \{1\},$$

where  $X'_{ij} = X' \cap X_{ij}^*, j \in [n_i]$ .

For any strict coloring  $c = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m\}$  of  $\mathcal{H}_{n_1, \dots, n_s}^*$ , the vertices  $(1, 1, \dots, 1), (2, 2, \dots, 2), \dots, (n_s, n_s, \dots, n_s)$  fall into distinct color classes. Without loss of generality, suppose  $(i, i, \dots, i) \in C_i$  for any  $i \in [n_s]$ . Then there are the following two possible cases:

*Case 1.*  $c|_{X'} = c'_2$ . The  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge  $\{(1, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s)\}$  implies that  $(n_2, 1, \dots, 1) \in C_1$  or  $C_{n_2}$ .

*Case 1.1.*  $(n_2, 1, \dots, 1) \in C_1$ . From the  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge  $\{(n_2, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s), (n_2 + 1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s)\}$  and the  $\mathcal{D}$ -edge  $\{(1, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2 + 1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s)\}$ , we observe  $(n_2 + 1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s) \in C_{n_2}$ . By the  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge  $\{(n_2, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s), (n_2, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2 + 1, 1, \dots, 1)\}$  and the  $\mathcal{D}$ -edge  $\{(n_2, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s), (n_2 + 1, 1, \dots, 1)\}$ , we observe  $(n_2 + 1, 1, \dots, 1) \in C_1$ . Similarly,  $(n_2 + j, 1, \dots, 1) \in C_1, (n_2 + j, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s) \in C_{n_2}$  for any  $j \in [n_1 - n_2 - 1]$  and  $(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s) \in C_{n_2}$ . Therefore,  $c = c_2^{s*}$ .

*Case 1.2.*  $(n_2, 1, \dots, 1) \in C_{n_2}$ . Note that  $(n_2 + j, 1, \dots, 1) \notin C_k$  for any  $j \in [n_1 - n_2 - 1]$  and  $k \in [n_2] \setminus \{1\}$ . If  $(n_2 + 1, 1, \dots, 1) \in C_1$ , from the  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge  $\{(n_2 + 1, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s), (n_2 + 1, n_2, \dots, n_s)\}$ , we observe  $(n_2 + 1, n_2, \dots, n_s) \in C_1$  or  $C_{n_2}$ , contrary to the fact that both  $\{(1, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2 + 1, n_2, \dots, n_s)\}, \{(n_2, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2 + 1, n_2, \dots, n_s)\}$  are  $\mathcal{D}$ -edges. Then,  $(n_2 + 1, 1, \dots, 1) \notin C_1$ . Suppose  $(n_2 + 1, 1, \dots, 1) \in C_{n_2 + 1}$ . The  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge  $\{(n_2 + 1, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2 + 1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s), (n_2, 1, \dots, 1)\}$  implies  $(n_2 + 1, n_2, \dots, n_s) \in C_{n_2 + 1}$ . Similarly,  $(n_2 + j, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2 + j, n_2, \dots, n_s) \in C_{n_2 + j}$  for any  $j \in [n_1 - n_2 - 1]$  and  $(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s) \in C_{n_1}$ . Therefore,  $c = c_1^{s*}$ .

*Case 2.* There exists a  $k \in [s] \setminus \{1, 2\}$  such that  $c|_{X'} = c'_k$ . In this case, we observe  $(n_2, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_k, \dots, n_s) \in C_{n_k}$ . For any  $j \in [n_1 - n_2 - 1]$ , the  $\mathcal{D}$ -edge  $\{(n_2 + j, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_k, \dots, n_s)\}$  implies that  $(n_2 + j, 1, \dots, 1) \notin C_{n_k}$ . From the  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge  $\{(1, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_k, \dots, n_s), (n_2, 1, \dots, 1)\}$  and the  $\mathcal{D}$ -edge  $\{(n_k, \dots, n_k, n_{k+1}, \dots, n_s), (n_2, 1, \dots, 1)\}$ , we observe  $(n_2, 1, \dots, 1) \in C_1$ . For any  $j \in [n_1 - n_2 - 1]$ , the  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge  $\{(n_2 + j, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_k, \dots, n_s)\}$  implies that  $(n_2 + j, 1, \dots, 1) \in C_1$ .

For any  $j \in [n_1 - n_2 - 1]$ , since  $\{(1, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2 + j, n_2, \dots, n_s)\}$  is a  $\mathcal{D}$ -edge,  $(n_2 + j, n_2, \dots, n_s) \notin C_1$ . Moreover, the  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge  $\{(n_2, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s), (n_2 + j, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2 + j, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s)\}$  implies that  $(n_2 + j, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s) \in C_{n_k}$  for any  $j \in [n_1 - n_2 - 1]$ . The fact that  $\{(n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s), (n_2, 1, \dots, 1), (n_2, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s)\}$  is a  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge follows that  $(n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s) \in C_{n_k}$ . Hence,  $c = c_k^{s*}$ .

By the above discussion, the desired result follows.  $\square$

Next, we shall construct another family of mixed hypergraph. In this case, we need to delete the vertex  $(n_2, 1, \dots, 1)$  from  $\mathcal{H}_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s}^*$ .

**Construction II.** Let  $X'' = X_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s}^* \setminus \{(n_2, 1, \dots, 1)\}$  and  $\mathcal{H}'' = \mathcal{H}_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s}^*[X'']$ . Then, for any  $i \in [s]$ ,

$$c_i'' = \{X_{i1}'', X_{i2}'', \dots, X_{in_i}''\}$$

is a strict  $n_i$ -coloring of  $\mathcal{H}''$ , where  $X_{ij}'' = X'' \cap X_{ij}^s, j \in [n_i]$ .

**Theorem 2.5** *If  $n_1 = n_2 + 1$ , the  $\mathcal{H}''$  is a one-realization of  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Referring to the proof of Theorem 2.4, all the strict colorings of  $\mathcal{H}_{n_2, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s}^*$  are

$$c'_i = \{X'_{i1}, X'_{i2}, \dots, X'_{in_i}\}, \quad i \in [s] \setminus \{1\},$$

where  $X' = \{(x_2, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots, x_s) | x_j \in [n_j], j \in [s] \setminus \{1\}\}$  and  $X'_{ij} = X' \cap X_{ij}^*, j \in [n_i]$ .

For any strict coloring  $c = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m\}$  of  $\mathcal{H}''$ , there are the following two possible cases:

*Case 1.*  $c|_{X'} = c'_2$ . For any  $(x_2, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_s) \in X''$ , suppose  $(x_2, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_s) \in C_{x_2}$  under the coloring  $c$ . By the proof of Theorem 2.4,  $(n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s) \notin C_j$  for any  $j \in [n_2 - 1]$ . Then, there are the following two possible subcases.

*Case 1.1.*  $(n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s) \in C_{n_2}$ . It is immediate that  $c = c'_2$ .

*Case 1.2*  $(n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s) \notin C_{n_2}$ . Suppose  $(n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots, n_s) \in C_{n_1}$ . Then, it is immediate that  $c = c'_1$ .

*Case 2.* There exists a  $k \in [s] \setminus \{1, 2\}$  such that  $c|_{X'} = c'_k$ . It is immediate that  $(n_k, \dots, n_k, n_{k+1}, \dots, n_s) \in C_{n_k}$  and  $(\underbrace{n_k, \dots, n_k}_{k-1}, 1, \dots, 1) \in C_1$ . From the  $\mathcal{C}$ -edge

$\{(n_1, \dots, n_k, n_{k+1}, \dots, n_s), (n_k, \dots, n_k, n_{k+1}, \dots, n_s), (n_k, \dots, n_k, 1, \dots, 1)\}$  and the  $\mathcal{D}$ -edge  $\{(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s), (1, 1, \dots, 1)\}$ , we observe  $(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_s) \in C_{n_k}$ . Hence,  $c = c''_k$ .

Hence, the desired result follows.  $\square$

Combining Lemma 2.2, Theorems 2.4 and 2.5, the proof of Theorem 1.1 is completed.

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